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**U.S. AMBASSADOR ON NAI YIN XUE'S RETURN TO NEW ZEALAND**

U.S. Ambassador Bill McCormick today congratulated all those involved in Nai Yin Xue's return to New Zealand.

"We all wanted to see the suspect be apprehended and returned to New Zealand for his day in court. That is exactly what has happened," said Ambassador McCormick.

"I want to commend the police officers on both sides -- here and in the U.S. for their professionalism and persistence," the Ambassador said.

"The media also played a pivotal role in the capture of Xue -- indeed, I understand the person who ultimately identified Xue did so after seeing the case on *America's Most Wanted*.

"And last but not least I applaud the gumption and initiative of those folks who made the citizens' arrest.

"Without the cooperation of all involved, Xue would still be at large," he added.